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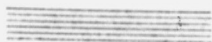
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1923



MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
*Chickasaw County Baptist
Association*

HELD WITH
THE MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Chickasaw County, Miss., Oct. 11th and 12th, 1923



OFFICERS

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MINUTES OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The fourth annual session of the Chickasaw County Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Oct. 11, 1923.

The Association was called to order by J. S. Price, Moderator.

A devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. O. Blount.

The churches represented, with the messengers to the Association were as follows:

Pleasant Ridge, Woodland, Miss.—M. L. Lancaster, Mrs. M. L. Lancaster. and M. M. McQuary.

Bethel, Woodland, Miss.—E. F. House, John Lyles and W. H. Morris.

Buena Vista—Mrs. Leona King and Mrs. J. C. Boone.

Shiloh—G. C. Davis, Mrs. G. C. Davis and Mrs. Mollie Cole.

Mt. Olive, Okolona, Miss.—C. T. Cook, R. L. Corley and J. J. Hill.

Parkersburg, Houston, Miss.—W. D. Ray, H. I. Sleigh, Miss Bettie May Neal and Baron Neal.

Providence, McCondy, Miss.—J. F. Ashcroft, B. O. Lewis, W. L. Colbert, J. H. Couch and Mrs. J. H. Couch.

Center Hill, Van Vleet, Miss.—D. C. Lakesault, W. M. Helms and Miss Zula Neal.

Van Vleet—S. F. Smith, W. E. Davis and R. L. Ashby.

First Baptist, Houston, Miss.—Rev. D. W. Hodges, D. E. Davis, Mrs. D. E. Davis and Mrs. M. H. S. Harrington.

Egypt, Egypt, Miss.—Dr. S. L. Morris, J. A. King and W. C. Ogg.

Arbor Grove, Houston, Miss.—J. W. Boles, J. A. Martin, James Doss, Miss Minnie Lee Davis and Miss Mamie Lee Tremon.

Houlka—J. F. Thompson, Mrs. J. F. Thompson, J. D. Harwood and Roy Thompson.

Okolona—Rev. W. O. Blount, J. S. Price, E. Usher, Mrs. R. W. Chandler, Mrs. J. H. Terry and I. V. Abernethy.

The officers for this session were then elected as follows: J. S. Price, Moderator; J. J. Hill, Clerk; and J. H. Couch, Treasurer.

On motion the Pastor and deacons of Mt Olive church were appointed a Pulpit Committee.

The Moderator appointed the regular committees as follows:

Missions—W. O. Blount, T. H. Winters and S. L. Morris.

Education—S. P. Andrews, W. C. Ballard and Hugh Tully.

Social Service—D. W. Hodges, J. F. Tully and T. H. Winters.

Credentials and Digest of Letters—W. C. Ballard, E. M. Sullivan and J. F. Thompson.

The 11 o'clock hour having arrived, the time appointed for the Associational sermon, it was moved to postpone this sermon until 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. O. Blount was requested to preach at this hour, which he did in an acceptable manner.

The following committee was appointed on order of business: W. O. Blount, S. L. Morris and T. H. Winters. The Association adjourned for dinner, until 1:30, P. M.

Dinner on the ground.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30, P. M. Association reassembled. J. S. Price in the chair.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Charles Nelson.

The Committee on the Order of Business presented the following report which was duly adopted.

2-3:30, Missions; 7, Associational Sermon, W. C. Ballard; 9:30, Friday morning, Devotional exercises;

10-11, Education; 11-12, Address by J. R. G. Hewlett; 1-1:30, Devotional; 1:30-2, Address by Miss Fannie Traylor; 2-3:30, Digest of letters.

2, P. M., Report on Missions was read by W. O. Blount. Report was discussed by W. O. Blount, S. L. Morris, T. H. Winters and W. C. Ballard. Report adopted as follows:

Report on Missions

FOR THE CHICKASAW COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude to God that we are able to report the progress made in the various departments of Mission work during the past year. We are on the rising tide.

I.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

The new plan for associational organization, providing for an Executive Board, composed of one member from each church, has resulted in more efficient work in many associations. The quarterly meetings held at the various churches by these Boards, where every phase of the work is ably discussed, have proved to be very helpful. Our own association should press this matter of cooperation to the limit. Our churches should be mutually helpful, the strong ever ready to help the weak, and the weak ever ready to call on the strong for help. Let us all seek each others good and press on to a greater degree of efficiency

II.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

The State Mission Board has gone forward in a great way this year. Let us stand by them. \$27,000 has been appropriated for church building purposes. Twenty-one town and twenty-eight country churches have thus been helped. The Board assists in paying the salaries of 100 pastors who serve 153 churches. These appropriations are much larger than before.

Other work being done by our Board is that among the Indians of our state. Also, the furnishing of teachers to train negroes in the Bible as well as in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School methods.—The Board is assisting in the Good Will Cen-

ter work at Meridian.

Three of the six Enlistment workers have resigned during the year. Others have gone nobly on. They have devoted their efforts largely to the work of the Campaign and have carried the missionary spirit with them wherever they have gone.

One field man, Rev. L. E. Lightsey, is doing colportage work. He has visited 149 churches and has sold many books. Wherever he goes he distributes tracts and secures subscriptions to the Record and Home and Foreign Fields.

We cannot praise too highly the work of our Sunday School workers. They have made us realize the value of a trained force of Sunday School workers, and with Bro. Byrd leading have put Mississippi Sunday Schools at the very head of the list. This year many diplomas and awards have been given.

Bro. Sweaney makes the following recommendations;

1. That a special effort be made to organize (where there is not one already) an Associational Sunday School Convention to meet annually and give our time to this, our own work, and not take the time of our people in the interdenominational meetings for which there is no place now.

2. That as far as possible the Association fix time and place for the Summer Training School and elect some man as Publicity Director who will be responsible for enlisting some from every church to attend this school.

3. That the Association appoint some one who will lead in the extension work through the organized Class effort in strengthening the Sunday Schools that go into winter quarters and also in organizing schools in churches that now have none.

4. That we urge all of our Sunday Schools to make much of the special programs the last Sundays in March, June and September. These programs are not only educational, but give our people an opportunity to have a part in the denominational work.

The Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Department, Mr Auber J. Wilds, makes the following report: We have come to a new era in B. Y. P. U. work. The B. Y. P. U. is thought of now only as a very vital part of our church life, and the church without a B. Y. P. U. is as much out of line in the kingdom building as the church without a Sunday School. We have come to realize—none to soon—that it is just as important to teach "How" to

do as it is to teach "What" to do. Many country churches have organized B. Y. P. U's. the past year and have done some splendid work. The Junior and Intermediate B. Y. P. U. work has gone forward splendidly under the direction of our new worker, Miss Morgan, of Aberdeen.

The W. M. U. Department through its secretary, Miss M. M. Lackey, tells us that this year they have five definite aims which they purpose to carry out in the accomplishment of their work, namely: Supplication, Stewardship, Study, Service, and Soul-winning. The number of local organizations now is 1,404 of which 771 are Woman's Missionary Societies and the others Young People's. 88 of the W. M. Societies are new and 161 of the Young People's Societies are new. This is a splendid growth.

The Laymen of the state, without any definite organization are lining up in a great way for Kingdom Causes. They seem to be catching the vision, and many of them are becoming active agents in the cause of Christ. We hail the day when every Layman will be an active worker.

The Baptist Record goes on its glorious way. It has its trials, due to the fact that many of us are not giving it our heartiest support, that which is its due. Every Baptist in Mississippi should read the Record and be ashamed if he doesn't.

The Baptist Book Store hopes to report profit enough to the State Convention to warrant its existence. It, too, is dependent upon our support. There are many things that we could order from our own Book Store. And remember that every bit of profit goes into our own treasury.

The Baptist Press is doing excellent work and making some money. We are glad that our Board owns this agency that is helping to make the work of our denomination more efficient.

With regard to the Baptist Seventy-Five Million Campaign: The receipts from the beginning of the Campaign to date are \$2,358,816.31. The receipts from August 1st, 1922, to August 1st, 1923, were \$449,036.04. The money has been distributed on the following percentage basis: Foreign Missions, .255; Home Missions, .16; State Missions, .19; Ministerial Relief, .014; Orphanage, .03; Hospital, .053; General Objects, .018; Southwide Objects, .04. Christian Education, .24. There re-

mains only about fifteen months until the Campaign will close. We must work fast. This year's spring Round-up Campaign was very satisfactory as a whole, due largely to the fact that all-day services were planned for in all the churches. This was re-enforced by the going of many laymen from the strong churches to assist in making the Campaign a success. It was also due to the thorough organization for this work.

It is exceedingly important that our churches give themselves during the month of October to the raising of large sums of cash in order to enable the State Board and other causes to carry to completion the work as outlined for the year. Because of the large appropriation made, we shall be compelled to have more cash this fall than we have heretofore received, if the work is completed. The State Board of Mississippi appropriated this year over \$115,000.00. Thus far since the Campaign was launched our work has been carried on without interruption and without indebtedness. Will you help to continue this record?

We would beg leave to recommend that serious, careful and prayerful consideration be given to the plans and programs for our Lord's work following the Seventy-Five Million Campaign. We cannot go backward. We cannot stand still and remain where we are. We can go forward. We should go forward. We must go forward. Hence, we beseech you to consider the resolution which has been prepared; ask God what you should, as an association, do with it, vote on it and send a copy to Dr. R. B. Gunter, Jackson, Miss., as soon as the association adjourns, in order that he may know what to tell the new Program Committee, recommended by the Southern Baptist Convention, as to what Mississippi Baptists want to do following this Campaign. By this means we shall also know what our churches want when we come to our State Convention in November.

The Southern Baptist Convention in its May session, Kansas City, recommended a Budget and Stewardship Campaign for the whole South. The Conservation Commission, approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, following the recommendation for Stewardship and Budget Campaign, elected Dr. O. E. Bryan, at that time the head of the department of Enlistment and Evangelism of the Home Board, as director of this new movement.

Dr. Bryan is a very practical man with considerable common sense and plenty of religion. If the churches give themselves to this new work as they should, the next ten years for Southern Baptists will mark greater progress than for any thirty years in the past. Literature will be furnished to the churches, a book on Stewardship and one on the Budget Plan will be recommended for study. We are coming nearer all the time to the Bible plan of financing the Kingdom. We shall see our churches grow in the doctrine of Stewardship and in regular and systematic giving to all causes.

III.

MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

1. Home Missions

The Home Mission Board made a great report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City last May. When the Convention met in that city eighteen years ago, the Board receipts for the year were \$169,988.92. This year they were \$1,002,193.07.

Then the Board reported 10,551 baptisms, this year 38,770. In 1905 the Board had no special department for Evangelism. Shortly after that the department was organized and through it there have been 152,846 converts baptized, 208,643 additions to the churches and 23,260 volunteers for the ministry or definite mission work.

Surely we have reason for abundant thanksgiving to God for His marvelous favor upon the work of our Home Mission Board.

It is our one great Southwide missionary agency and has been the greatest single factor in helping to make the South a mighty Baptist empire.

While Southern Baptists have made mighty progress, there are greater needs and vaster opportunities at present than ever before in our history.

There are millions of lost souls that we must reach and our people must be enlisted in all our denominational life and activities.

Our Home Mission Board is heavily in debt on account of the great enlargement of the work and the falling off in receipts

due largely to the deflation prices in general.

The last report of the Board states, that if we raise \$75,000,000 by the close of the Seventy-Five Million Campaign and the Home Board receives its due proportion. The Board's debt can be paid and the Board's work increased fifty per cent over its present appropriation.

Let us come to the help of this great work and all of our other interests as well.

2. Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission work grows. We have now 891 churches in sixteen foreign lands, 211 or practically one fourth of these churches are self-supporting. 442 or one-half have their own houses of worship. In addition to the churches there are 2,896 out-stations which give us a total of practically 4,000 stations where the Word of God is preached regularly. Last year was the crowning year in baptisms. 12,611 were baptized, which is 4,720 more than reported the year before. We have 103,328 members. These gave \$4.23 per capita last year. We have 796 schools which were attended last year by 32,789 scholars. This is about equal to the number of students in our Baptist Schools in the Southland.

There were 1,447 Sunday Schools, which had an enrollment of 67,407.

We have now 501 foreign missionaries and 2,820 native missionaries. This is almost twice as many foreign missionaries and almost four times as many native missionaries as we had in 1919 at the beginning of the 75-Million Campaign.

The Board reported a debt of \$403,000 at the last Southern Baptist Convention. There has been no disposition to criticize the Board because everybody has realized that the Board has been very conservative in making appropriations. It has appropriated only a little above one-half of the amount that was proposed for it in the 75-Million Campaign.

The Board in its June meeting appointed 48 new Missionaries who in the early fall of this year will go to their fields.

The practical suggestion for everybody to take to heart at this critical time when the Board is burdened with debt, overwhelmed by the growth of the work, and appalled by vast unmet

needs, is that every one should do his utmost to pay his 75-Million Campaign pledge in full this year. If these pledges are paid fully, the Board can pay its debts, support the missionaries and provide for many, many more distressing needs. The simple solution of our present situation is the payment of our 75-Million Campaign pledges. This is the biggest need of Foreign Missions this year. Now is the time to go forward.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. BLOUNT.

7. P. M., Associational Sermon, preached to a large audience by W. C. Ballard.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

8:30, Association assembled. Moderator in the chair.

Devotional services conducted by J. F. Tully.

10 o'clock, Report on Education read by S. P. Andrews, discussed by Bro. Andrews—Mississippi College, W. C. Ballard—Clarke College, W. O. Blount—Woman's College and Blue Mountain College, Hugh Tully—The Theological Schools. Report adopted.

Report on Education

No phase of our religious activity deserves more consideration than our Christian schools and denominational institutions.

Our Great Nation is a Christian Democracy with Christian ideals and Christian principles written into the "Fundamental law of our land," our national constitution. Our homes, our flag, our schools, and our churches are the institutions we hold dear to our heart, as proper regard for these sustains our great American idealism. The stability or instability of a nation, commonwealth, or individual, is largely determined by the product of these institutions, and the character of their thinking; and the kind of thought is determined largely by the school.

All truth, whether general, scientific, moral or spiritual, is divine in that it emanates from God; and as such truth is discovered in the processes of education, it is only the mind of man discerning in part the mind of God.

The Christian school puts God at the center of all truth and

seeks to relate properly all truth to God, and apply all general truth with Christian accent.

For Christian character, Christian ideals must not be suppressed but free to function in all social activities. The Christian school seeks to provide such an environment for propagating and stimulating these Christian higher ideals with the emphasis on building a Christian life rather than simply increasing the earning capacity. To such a task there is now an awakened conscience among Southern Baptists, and we have pledged ourselves to a program of Christian education which, if executed, will be a mighty factor in shaping the ideals of the world toward the "Brotherhood of man."

As Southern Baptists, we have under direct denominational control 33 standard colleges, 17 junior colleges, and 35 academies and high schools, aggregating an enrollment of 25,000 students and a property valuation with endowment of \$25,000,000.00. In addition to these schools, there are many private institutions expressly Christian in their nature.

In Mississippi we have four (4) great denominational schools, viz: Clarke College Newton, Miss., with H. T. McLaurin as president; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., with Dr. W. T. Lowery as president; Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss., with Dr. J. L. Johnson as president; and Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., with Dr. J. W. Provine as president. These institutions we affirm without fear of successful contradiction constitute the greatest asset of our great state of Mississippi today.

Let every Baptist in Mississippi sustain these schools with their prayers, their money and their patronage and grow a Baptist product in our state that will ever "Earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints."

Signed, Committee.

11 o'clock. The hour given to Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett for a discussion of the State Work. In his address he strongly discussed Stewardship and Tithing.

During this hour the women held a session in the Grove.

Adjourned for dinner. Dinner on the ground.

FRIDAY, AFTERNOON

1:30. Reassembled.

Address by Miss Fannie Traylor, Jackson, representing the State Work, specially the young people's work.

2 o'clock. Report on Social Service was read by Rev. D. W. Hodges. Report discussed by Bro. Hodges. Rev. J. F. Tully discussed The Orphanage. Rev. T. H. Winters discussed Hospitals. Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett discussed Good-Will Center and Ministerial Relief. Report adopted.

Report on Social Service

I.

SOCIAL SERVICE IN GENERAL.

Social Service is applied Christianity. It is following the example of our Savior "who went about doing good." It is exemplifying that pure and undefiled religion which visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction. It is meeting the challenge of love as given in I. John 3:17: But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, now dwelleth the love of God in him?

Social Service is putting the leaven of the Gospel into the whole social lump until society is purified therewith. It is the process of weaving into our social fabric the warp and woof of Christianity.

Social Service is that part of our Baptist program which seeks to deal with crime, immorality, poverty, disease and everything that concerns society as a whole. It looks beyond the case of individual need to the cause of that need and its effect upon society.

Social problems must be met and mastered not only by the churches as such, but by the Christian Citizenship which gathers into and grows out of the churches of Jesus Christ.

Christian citizens deal with these problems: (1) through preventative measures, sanitation, hygiene, law enforcement; (2) through corrective measures, prisons, asylums, reformatories;

and (3) through relief measures, hospitals, orphanages, Good Will Centers, care of old preachers, etc.

Every agency that seeks to deal with these problems along lines consistent with Baptist principles should have the heartiest cooperation of our churches.

Some such agencies, not under Baptist direction, are as follows:

1. Law Enforcement

Aside from local machinery for law enforcement in every community, the agencies that should have fullest sympathy and aid from every loyal Baptist in the prosecution of their work are the Anti-Saloon League, headed by Dr. T. J. Bailey, Supt., Jackson, and the Federal Prohibition enforcement officers, headed by Mr. M. H. Daily, Prohibition Director, Jackson. The work of these departments cannot be made effective except through the active cooperation of the churches. The moral standing of any community depends upon the standards fixed by the churches. No community will have more moonshining and bootlegging than is countenanced by the churches.

The Federal Prohibition director makes the following statement in reference to the cooperation received by his department from the Baptists of Mississippi:

"Quite a large percentage of the cases made by this office have been the direct result of the helpful influence and suggestion coming from the great Baptist denomination. Its ministers, laymen and woman's missionary societies have been alert to report all infractions of the law coming under their observation. We acknowledge with grateful appreciation this splendid service for the enforcement of law and order and especially thank the ladies of your missionary societies for their untiring efforts to promote the work chargeable to this office.

"We earnestly solicit your influence in having Congress make adequate appropriation for our work and your continued cooperation in helping to reduce the cost of bringing offenders to justice by giving information so definite and reliable that violations may be determined and arrests made with the least possible expense."

2. Public Health

The work of the State Board of Health, under direction of Dr. W. S. Leathers, Jackson, is an agency whose splendid work should have the intelligent cooperation of our people. Your committee would urge the pastors and churches to study the great work of this department and give it every assistance possible.

We quote in part from a statement made by Dr. Leathers for use in this report:

"The State Board of Health is desirous of promoting the health work of the state in a sane and intelligent way. This can be done best through the intelligent interest of large influential groups of people such as those who constitute the membership of the Baptist denomination. Those of us who are particularly interested in the health of Mississippi and who are endeavoring to lead the people in forming right habits of living believe and know that one of the largest influences that could be exerted for attaining the results desired is through the cooperation of the Christian people of Mississippi. When properly analyzed, health essentially means Christian living. The principles underlying health work are those principles which are advocated in the teachings of Christ, and there can be no question about the fact that Christian people should lend their hearty support to the prevention of sickness and the control and ultimate suppression of preventable diseases."

3. Child Welfare

The Mississippi Children's Home Society located at Jackson, of which Rev. John L. Sutton is superintendent, is the greatest single agency in the state for the care of dependent children.

It is estimated that there are about 12,000 neglected and dependent children in the State of Mississippi. About 5,200 of this number would be classed as cripples, sub-normal and feeble-minded. 6,800 of this number are prospectively normal provided they are transplanted and engrafted into the proper homes where they would get the love and attention that is necessary for them to develop into good men and women. 50 per

cent of this number are negro children, leaving about 3,500 white children who are prospectively normal. The Institutional plan is caring for about 800 of this number, leaving about 2,600 white children who are prospectively normal but neglected and dependent. We estimate that there are between 91,000 and 100,000 good homes in the State that could adopt and raise a child as it should be raised. This is the work that this society hopes to bring to pass. Every childless home should be open to receive and care for one of these little ones.

Your committee would recommend that our pastors and churches give the most sympathetic cooperation to the work of this society. Invite its superintendent to visit your church and explain his work. He is a splendid Christian man who is giving his life to the welfare of dependent children.

II.

STATE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, J. R. Carter, Superintendent

The efforts put forth by Christian people in saving and training children are the most effective efforts for citizenship and for Kingdom building. We should give more adequate support both financial and moral to all the child welfare agencies that are working for the betterment of neglected children.

We feel that much has been done through the efforts of our Baptist Orphanage, and commend it and its work to the prayerful consideration and support of our churches and Sunday Schools. We would urge that through the remainder of our present program (the 75-Million Campaign) our people seek to redeem their pledges and thus take care of the Orphanage, and all other objects fostered by our denomination.

More than a thousand children have been cared for and trained by our Baptist Orphanage and have gone out to take their places in society, and in our kingdom work. Less than one per cent of this number has become a menace to society, or made shipwreck of life.

We have had an average in our Orphanage during the year of 170 children. We learn from our management that the health

of the children has been good, and that their efforts have been attended with a good degree of prosperity and success. We would urge the loyal and hearty cooperation of all our people that all the needs of the institution may be provided for.

2. Mississippi Baptist Hospital, R. S. Curry, Superintendent

The past year has been perhaps the most important year in the growth and development of the Baptist Hospital in its whole history.

We have now a splendidly working staff of Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists. We have a first class chemical laboratory; a splendid X-Ray machine used for diagnostic work, with Dr. W. F. Henderson, who is one of the best radiologists in the state, in charge. We will within the next sixty days, install a new up-to-date X-Ray machine to be used wholly for treatment of incurable cases especially cancer cases.

We have treated, since our last report, 1,671 patients, 210 of whom were treated free. The Hospital has no funds with which to care for charity patients except the profit made upon pay patients which fact prevents us from taking many who apply for free hospital care.

We now have 25 nurses—splendid young women who are preparing themselves for the high calling of nursing the sick.

We are profoundly grateful to all our friends who have given us assistance, especially the different churches, Sunday Schools and missionary organizations.

The good women, last fall, organized the Hospital Auxiliary which has done and is doing splendid work for the Hospital. We bespeak for them the hearty cooperation of all friends of the Hospital.

3. Baptist Memorial Hospital, Joseph Purvis, Superintendent

The work of the hospital moved forward steadily during the first six months of 1923. The aim has been to keep the work up to the standard and make improvements in organization and operation. The second floor was put into use for patients during this period.

Patronage continues to increase, as shown by the following figures: Patients admitted 5,399 (as against 4,168 for the same period last year), of these 602 came from Arkansas, 3,745 from Tennessee, 909 from Mississippi and 143 from other states. 468 of these were cared for in the charity departments, 80 from Arkansas, 292 from Tennessee, 62 from Mississippi and 34 from other states.

In the laboratories 7,615 examinations and tests were made; the X-Ray Department did 1,506 treatments and pictures; the new department of Physio-Therapy administered 1,276 treatments. The expenditures in operating the hospital for the six months were \$265,641.31; of this amount \$47,485.86 was expended for charity. Double all these figures and a year's work will be seen. Only the year's work will probably be more than double, since the work grows in volume from year to year.

The bonded indebtedness, on account of building is \$240,000.00. The payment of pledges, made in the 75-Million Campaign in Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Memphis and vicinity, are depended on to liquidate this indebtedness.

The religious life of the institution, among patients and nurses, moves on as heretofore. A Volunteer Band has recently been organized in the Training School, through the influence of the Inter-Board Commission in Student activities. The Woman's Auxiliary of the hospital keeps up its active and useful service, both in and out of the hospital. They deserve the cooperation of the Baptist women in the three states.

4. Good Will Center

Mississippi has but one Good Will Center. This is located in the mill district of Meridian. It is directly under the management of Miss Millie Mae McLellan, a graduate of the Louisville Training School. Miss McLellan lives in the Good Will Center Home where she has one assistant. Together they look after this home, where they do their own housekeeping, where they have a day nursery for children whose mothers work out, and where the various clubs of the Good Will center hold their meetings. The building is not large but the hall for public meetings is commodious and attractive. Miss McLellan works out from this Center in all portions of the city. She does this by

personal visits and by the use of the telephone; which, by the way is one of the most useful implements in this part of the city for it is so placed that it may be used night and day; and there is scarcely a night that hurry calls are not made over it for either physician or hospital.

This report could be made largely statistical, for the number of visits made in the interest of God's work, the number of little children cared for, the amount of necessary clothing given out, the number of pupils taught in night schools, the number of boys and girls reached by the various clubs and the number of disheartened women who are sent away with words of cheer—all these if enumerated, would run into the thousands.

Our Good Will Center is doing God's service. Let us in every way in our power encourage the work.

III.

SOUTHWIDE SOCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS

1. The Relief and Annuity Board, Wm. Lunsford, Cor. Sec'y.

In May 1920 the total assets of the Relief and Annuity Board amounted to \$162,123.10. In May 1923 the total had reached \$1,490,193.59.

From the best estimate that we can get, Southern Baptists, in all states put together, paid to their old preachers in the three years preceding the 75-Million Campaign, in round numbers, \$116,000.00. In the past three years, since the beginning of the Campaign we have increased the yearly allowance paid to our beneficiaries over the estimated three years immediately preceding the Campaign, \$184,173.31, an average of more than \$61,000.00 per year. While this increase is gratifying, we are by no means doing what we should do.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of \$100,000.00 per year, on the relief side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states. This will take an interest bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand, including endowment and reserve.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. The number of beneficiaries from Mississippi is now fourth, 24 men and 16 widows. These are receiving an average of \$10.00 per month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim is to persuade our people to make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely, in his ministry, that if he should fall in his work, or die in it, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit his family to suffer nor him to suffer, in his declining years. We want to make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par. To do this will put new life in our preachers, greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

Your committee would urge the people everywhere to pay their pledges to the Campaign so that the aid now being given to these old heroes of the Cross may be materially increased.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Hodges,

J. F. Tully,

D. H. Winter.

Report on Digest of Letters was presented by W. C. Ballard. The report being incomplete, the reading was postponed and on motion the Digest was ordered inserted in the Minutes.

At this point a collection was taken amounting to \$6.00, with which to finish payment on last year's Minutes.

A report on Necrology was read as follows:

Our dead in this Association for the past year are, Woodland, Mrs. Lula McCrary; Providence, three have passed away,

but no names can be obtained by the Committee; Okolona, D. W. Reeder and C. L. Gentry.

J. F. Thompson,
E. M. Sullivan,
J. A. Kimby.
Committee.

On motion it was resolved to have a Sunday School Normal in the Association. Committee appointed to install this work were A. T. Stovall, W. J. Stacy and Mrs. K. Gilfoy.

Treasurer's Report was read by J. H. Couch, and adopted as follows:

Treasurer's Report

MINUTE FUND

Bethel	\$ 3.25
Providence	3.00
Center Hill	1.25
Arbor Grove	2.65
Friendship	3.00
Pleasant Ridge	4.05
Houston.	2.00
Houlka.	4.00
Okolona.	10.00
Parkersburg	2.55
Shiloh	1.20
Egypt.	4.00
Mt. Olive.	4.25
Van Vleet.	2.30
Total	\$47.50

CAMPAIGN AND MISSIONS

Parkersburg, 75-Million Fund	\$13.00
Center Hill, Missions..	4.25
Total..	\$17.25

The Committee on Nominations and Resolutions made the following report:

Resolutions

Whereas, the wisdom of a united effort on the part of the Southern Baptists has been so clearly demonstrated during the past four years, as evidenced by the unprecedented progress which has been made in kingdom work, and

Whereas, our people have seen the wisdom of budgeting the work of the denomination so as to provide regularly and adequately for all worthy causes, and

Whereas, we have seen the value of a worthy financial objective or goal in our plan to raise 75 Million Dollars in five years, and

Whereas, we have seen the need for canvassing the churches annually in order to enlist the new converts who are coming in every year and of re-enlisting those who move during the year, and

Whereas, we have been more thoroughly impressed with the need of regular and systematic giving all through the year, and

Whereas, we, as a denomination, must continue to go forward, and to go forward we must look ahead and plan ahead;

Be it, therefore, resolved that we the Chickasaw County Baptist Association in annual convention assembled, signify our approval of—

1. A united South-wide movement following the close of the 75-Million Campaign to raise funds with which to carry on our mission, social service and educational work.

2. A budget for all mission, social service and education work, same to be divided and distributed on a percentage basis in proportion to the relative needs and merits of the various causes fostered by the denomination.

3. A five year financial objective, same to be not less than \$75,000,000.00 for the five years—the amount to be determined by the sum total of the conservative claims of the various causes, after each shall have made a careful survey of its needs and future plans.

4. An annual appeal for pledges which will insure a thor-

ough canvass of all the members of all the churches once a year.

5. A united effort for teaching Stewardship and Budget Plan for denominational and local work of the Baptist Churches of our State.

6. An ample period of time to insure thorough preparation for the program which shall follow the 75-Million Campaign.

On motion resolved that the sincere thanks and grateful appreciation of this Association be tendered to this church and community for the princely hospitality extended to us while in session at this time.

We recommend that the Association try the associational board instead of an executive committee another year and that W. O. Blount shall be chairman of the board. We urge that every church in the Association elect its member to the board on their next regular meeting day if possible.

D. W. Hodges, Chairman.

On motion of W. O. Blount the Moderator was authorized to appoint a committee to carry out an effective program on Stewardship and Missions and The Budget Plan of Giving; such a program to be given in every church in the Association during the associational year that will cooperate in doing so. The Moderator appointed W. O. Blount, D. W. Hodges and S. P. Andrews.

On Motion of S. P. Andrews resolved that the minutes be printed by the Moderator and Clerk who shall collect balance of money necessary to pay for them from the churches according to the equities in the case.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Shiloh Church on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1924.

J. J. HILL.
Clerk.

J. S. PRICE,
Moderator

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CHURCHES	PASTORS & P. O.	CLERKS & P. O.	S. S. SUPT. & P. O.
Arbor Grove..	J. F. Tully, Troy	Miss Minnie Davis, Houston	
Bethel..	M. C. Putman, Houston...	W. S. Dendy, Woodland	T. A. House, Houston.....
Buena Vista...	S. L. Morris, Prairie	Sam King, Buena Vista...	Mrs. J. C. Boone, Buena V.
Center Hill...	T. H. Winter, Algoma.....	W. M. Helms, Van Vleet	Wm. Helms, Van Vleet...
Egypt ..	S. L. Morris, Prairie	J. A. King, Egypt	E. R. Patterson, Egypt....
Houlka	S. P. Andrews, Houlka...	J. O. Harwood, Houlka...	W. J. Stacy, Houlka
Mt. Olive	S. L. Morris, Prairie	E. M. Sullivan, Okolona...	E. M. Sullivan, Okolona...
Providence....	W. C. Ballard, Aberdeen	R. L. Brand, Prairie.....	J. H. Couch, McCondy...
Okolona.....	W. O. Blount, Okolona...	J. S. Price, Okolona	A. T. Stovall, Okolona.....
Pleasant Ridge			
Parkersburg ..	Paul Townsend, West Pt.	Other Foster, Houston.....	Baron Neal, Houston
Shiloh.	J. F. Tully, Troy	W. R. Pannell, Troy	
Houston ..	D. W. Hodges, Houston...	W. A. Wilkerson, Houston	Mrs. K. Gilfoy
Van Vleet....	H. M. Collins, Van Vleet	R. D. Ashby, Van, Vleet..	Wm. F. Davis, Van Vleet
Center Hill...	J. H. Parker, Van Vleet..		

rest of Letters

P. O.	Increases			Decrease			Total Membership	No. S. S. Pupils	S. S. Teachers	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expense	Other Objects	Pastor's Salary	75-Million Campaign	Minute Fund	Value of Church Property	TOTAL
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